

In the Utah Wildlife Board meeting on Aug. 26, 2021, the board voted to postpone receiving public comments on the trail camera recommendations until further surveys could be conducted on the issue. The recommendations regarding trail cameras, the use of night-vision devices and various other big game proposals that were made public for feedback on Aug. 23 will be presented to the public in a future meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Staci Coons at stacicoons@utah.gov.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 fishing recommendations?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the fishing recommendations?

I would also like to suggest a size restriction on how big of a bass that people can keep. Such as no bass over 16 inches. I have most of the habitat that went into the pond at Willard Bay and would like for it to be managed to be a trophy bass fishery. I would also like to propose a no take restriction on the fish species in the pond during periods of spawning. Such as mid-March till mid-June. This is to help the population thrive, but not limiting anglers from fishing during the time frame specified. If you are reading this Chris Penne, I would like to thank you and your team in the northern region for giving me the opportunity to work as a intern for the summer of 2021. I appreciate each and every biologists in this region, as I know how much hard work is required for projects. I hope that in the future we can cross paths and I would be thrilled to work for your region.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 fishing recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the fishing recommendations?

Yet again the DWR failed to address the challenges of drought and climate change that will affect fisheries. Instead, they focus on catch limits and harvesting. If the DWR is unwilling to acknowledge and do something about the warming, algae filled rivers and dwindling water supply by asserting authority over irrigation, we will see continuing decline in the fisheries. Enough myopic discursive closure. Focus on the environmental impacts of irrigation and protect flows on our rail water fisheries.

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August/September 2021 RAC Feedback
August 24, 2021 11:31 am

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations?

There should be an ethics course for every big game species and manner of harvest. To help educate people especially the huge influx of new hunters. Thank you.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 fishing recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

Form Name:
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August/September 2021 RAC Feedback
August 24, 2021 11:42 am

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 fishing recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 fishing recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the fishing recommendations?

Utah DWR RAC,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule changes for the state of UT in regards to the definition of a muzzleloader. This definition change would remove license buyers the opportunity to use Federal's FireStick muzzleloader ignition system. We suggest that this rule not be accepted

Federal Ammunition launched this new product in early 2020 and has been actively working with State Wildlife Agencies since inception to clarify regulations to reduce any issues with enforceability. We have even launched a dedicated website to help educate our consumers on the system and where it may be used during the muzzleloader season. Please visit - <https://www.federalpremium.com/firestick.html> - to check out the most up to date information on the system.

As you will see in the educational website, this new system allows for safe and easy removal of the unfired charge, the elimination of risk of over or under-charging the firearm, easily recognize whether the firearm is loaded or unloaded with the ability to see through the barrel, reduction of hang fires which cause safety issues in the field and potential for wound-loss on big game. The system has the projectile exclusively loaded through the muzzle with a ramrod, there is no other way to load a projectile for this firearm other than through the muzzle.

I would like to again respectfully request that the Utah DWR RAC considers declining this proposal for a definition change.

I am more than happy to offer any technical assistance and provide any needed data on the system for further review.

Sincerely,

Form Name:
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August/September 2021 RAC Feedback
August 24, 2021 3:47 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations? We should not share Bighorn Sheep permits with a Nevada. It should be Utah ONLY!

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 fishing recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the fishing recommendations? If the cutthroat trout are doing well and are remaining a healthy population with the current rules at Bear Lake. I think the rules and regulations should NOT change.

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August/September 2021 RAC Feedback
August 24, 2021 5:28 pm

**Which best describes your position
regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime
species recommendations?**

Somewhat agree

**Which best describes your position
regarding the 2022 fishing
recommendations?**

Strongly agree

Form Name:
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August/September 2021 RAC Feedback
August 25, 2021 2:57 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations?

Thank you for the chance to comment. As an AZ resident with plans to hunt UT, I do not support your recommendation to change the definition of a muzzleloader. the newest technologies like the Fierstick are much safer for my kids to learn muzzleloading because it eliminated overcharging, and you can easily determine if the gun is loaded. This recommendation is a step backwards for the state of UT as this system is so simple that more people will want to muzzleload.

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August/September 2021 RAC Feedback
August 25, 2021 8:14 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 fishing recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the fishing recommendations?

I'm am glad for the cutthroat fin clip change for Bear Lake. Those who live around the lake have noticed the decline of Cisco with the increase of cutthroats. My only question for the Bear Lake portion is. Is the division seeing this as a permanent change or temporary change?

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August/September 2021 RAC Feedback
August 26, 2021 12:25 am

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 fishing recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the fishing recommendations?

Yes, Trail cameras, Stated the transmission type and use, Agree, but what of trail cameras that do NOT use transmission systems? placing a trail camera in areas that are used by deer for example, then go back and retrieve same. to see if deer are using trails or an area should still be allowed. stationary cameras that store images on a disc should be ok to use. it is still a fair chase hunt. just gives a hunter a general idea of where and whats in the area.

Form Name:
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August/September 2021 RAC Feedback
August 26, 2021 9:58 am

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 fishing recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the fishing recommendations?

This is probably a can that shouldn't be opened. I am scared there might be unintended consequences, but, I wonder if there should be a yearly limit for each waterbody. Maybe it is unenforceable, but it seems that a select few take the vast majority of fish because they fish a water day in and day out. 2 fish a day adds up to a lot when you fish it every day. It would be nice if you were only allowed so many fish, or trips to a given water each year, in order to cut down on crowding and allow others to catch some fish? Anyway, just a thought - maybe a bad one. :)

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 fishing recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the fishing recommendations?

I don't support the taking away the use of trail cameras during the hunt. Your survey doesn't accurately ask the question that all trail cameras do have night vision. I do support not allowing night vision devices that are not trail cameras. Based on the questions non transmitting cameras shouldn't be regulated like transmitting cameras. However the proposal is banning both during hunts and that goes against the survey results. I also support the banning of transmitting trail cameras during the hunt as that could add a big advantage. If private can use trail cameras as security why can't we use trail cameras as security on public land. I use one to watch my camp as when I am hunting I am away from camp from before light to after dark every day.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations?

Utah should start managing its own tags rather than drawing them through Nevada infrastructure.

In addition I'd like to comment that these new laws about trail cameras and night vision stink of liberal agenda. The law already states you can't hunt big game after dark. Trail cameras don't give you an advantage, you still have to actually hunt. Night vision would be essential to varmit hunting. Quit turning Utah into California.

Was amendment E in 2020 smoke and mirrors?

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 fishing recommendations?

Somewhat agree